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RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES <u>DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE</u>

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Box PCT Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the "NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE" mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on March 15, 2001, the following are submitted herewith and form a part of this response:

- 1. A copy of the Notification of Missing Requirements Under 35 U.S.C. 371 in the United States Designated/Elected Office;
- Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney executed by inventors (1 Declaration, 3 pages);

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- 3. Small Entity Fee for providing the oath or declaration later than the appropriate 20 or 30 months from the priority date (A claim to Small Entity status has been made previously); and
- 4. Assignment from Marcus Behringer to Ulrich Zimmerman (1 page), 2 copies of Recordation Form cover sheet (1 page each) and Recordation Fee.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional fees required under 37 CFR §§ 1.16 and 1.17 which are associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No.50-0436 in the name of Pepper Hamilton LLP. A duplicate copy of this document is enclosed.

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